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# DOCCS Albany Training Academy

## Housing Expansion Project

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## PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

## EXISTING SITE:



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- The existing Albany Training Academy has been insufficient in meeting DOCCS needs for many years.
- Since the DOCCS merger with Community Supervision training demands and the number of recruit classes have increased significantly.
- Mandated in-service training for DOCCS staff is often required to be held off site at a location 4 hours from Albany.
- DOCCS is required to contract with area hotels for recruit training as well as in service training.
- The need to juggle training sessions around other scheduled trainings due to finite training space.
- Examples of training – New recruit training, parole officer training, mandated in service training, sergeant school, lieutenant school, leadership training, labor management, numerous meetings and conferences.

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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- The completion of the project will increase overall housing capacity for recruits through construction of a three story housing structure which will also include trainer housing, large capacity classrooms, study and recreation space.
- A new gymnasium structure will provide improved space for physical training, additional assembly space, simulation training spaces as well as equipment storage rooms and a three bay vehicle garage.
- An expansion addition will allow for additional storage of equipment required for recruit training sessions at the Facility.
- Site improvements will enhance parking availability and improve traffic patterns. The relocation of the softball field and site utility upgrades to electric service and extension of NG service to the site are included.
- The total project cost = \$39,400,000.



## PROJECT PLANNING OVERSIGHT:

- The project was reviewed and approved by the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) board.

*New York's **State Environmental Quality Review Act** (SEQR) requires all state and local government agencies to consider environmental impacts equally with social and economic factors during discretionary decision-making. This means these agencies must assess the environmental significance of all actions they have discretion to approve, fund or directly undertake. When considering an action that has been the subject of a Final EIS, SEQR requires the agencies to balance the environmental impacts with social and economic factors when deciding to approve or undertake an **"Action"**.*

- The City Engineering Department was consulted and involved with the site utility design and approved the project.
- The City Fire Department was contacted during the planning of the project.



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## PROJECT SCOPE

## RECRUIT HOUSING BUILDING: GYMNASIUM IN BACKGROUND.



## COMPLETED SITE:



### Key

1. New Entry
2. New Shade Trees
3. New Parking
4. New Sidewalks
5. New Evergreen Screen
6. Proposed Retention Pond
7. Existing Tree
8. New Benches
9. Graduation Plaza
10. Relocated Baseball Field
11. Future Multipurpose Field
12. Shrubs and Ornamental Grasses
13. Crosswalk
14. New Storage
15. New Parade Green
16. New Fence
17. Ornamental Grasses

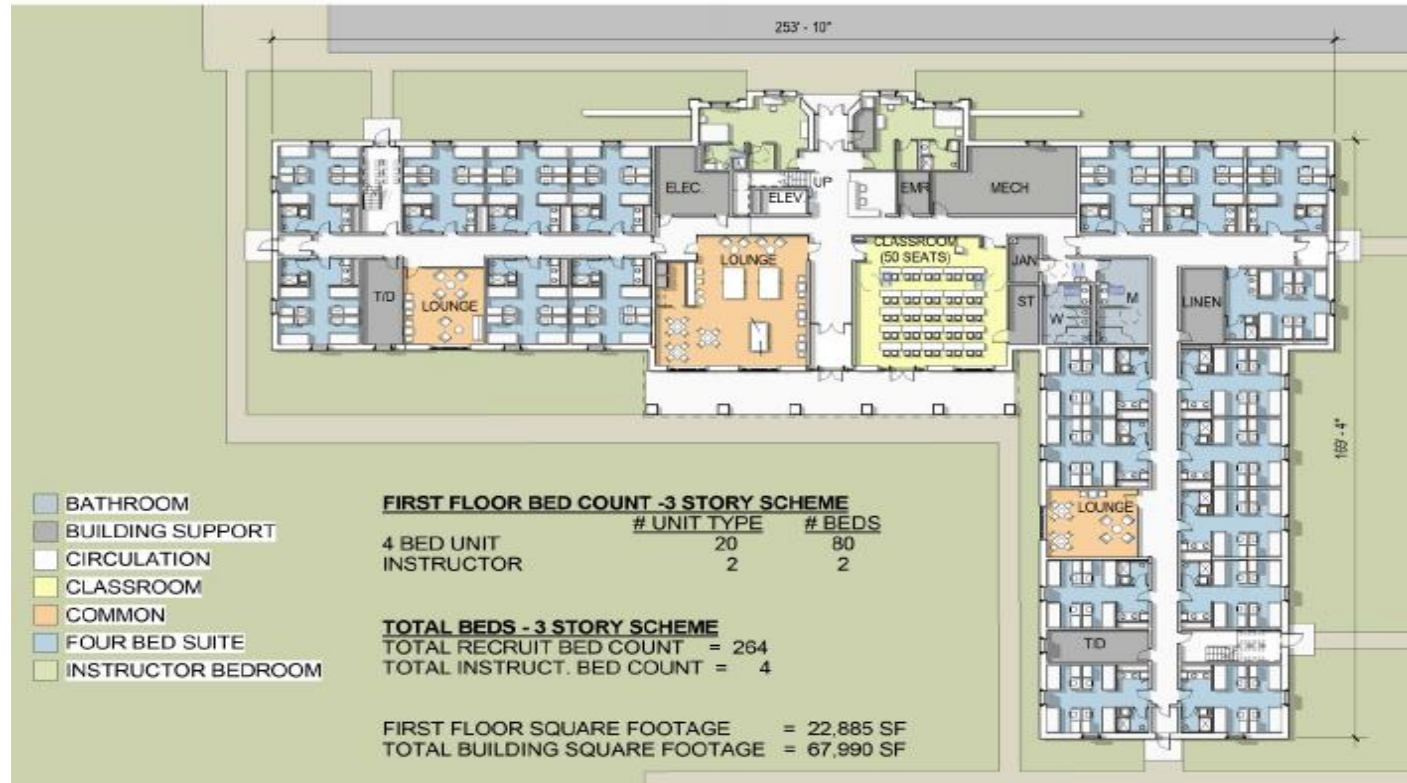


## RECRUIT HOUSING PARTICULARS:

- The overall square footage (sf) of the Housing structure is approximately 64,500sf.
- The recruit housing capacity will increase from (125) to (391).
- The Instructor housing capacity will increase from (21) to (25).
- The housing structure includes (2) classrooms with an occupant capacity of (50) recruits each are included.
- The structure includes a study lounge on each wing for recruit use.
- The housing component is broken up into (4) bed housing pods, each containing an individual toilet/shower.



# RECRUIT HOUSING BUILDING:



## RECRUIT HOUSING BUILDING:



253' - 10"

163' - 4"

LOUNGE

ELEV

ELEC

MECHANICAL

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BLDG SVC

LOUNGE

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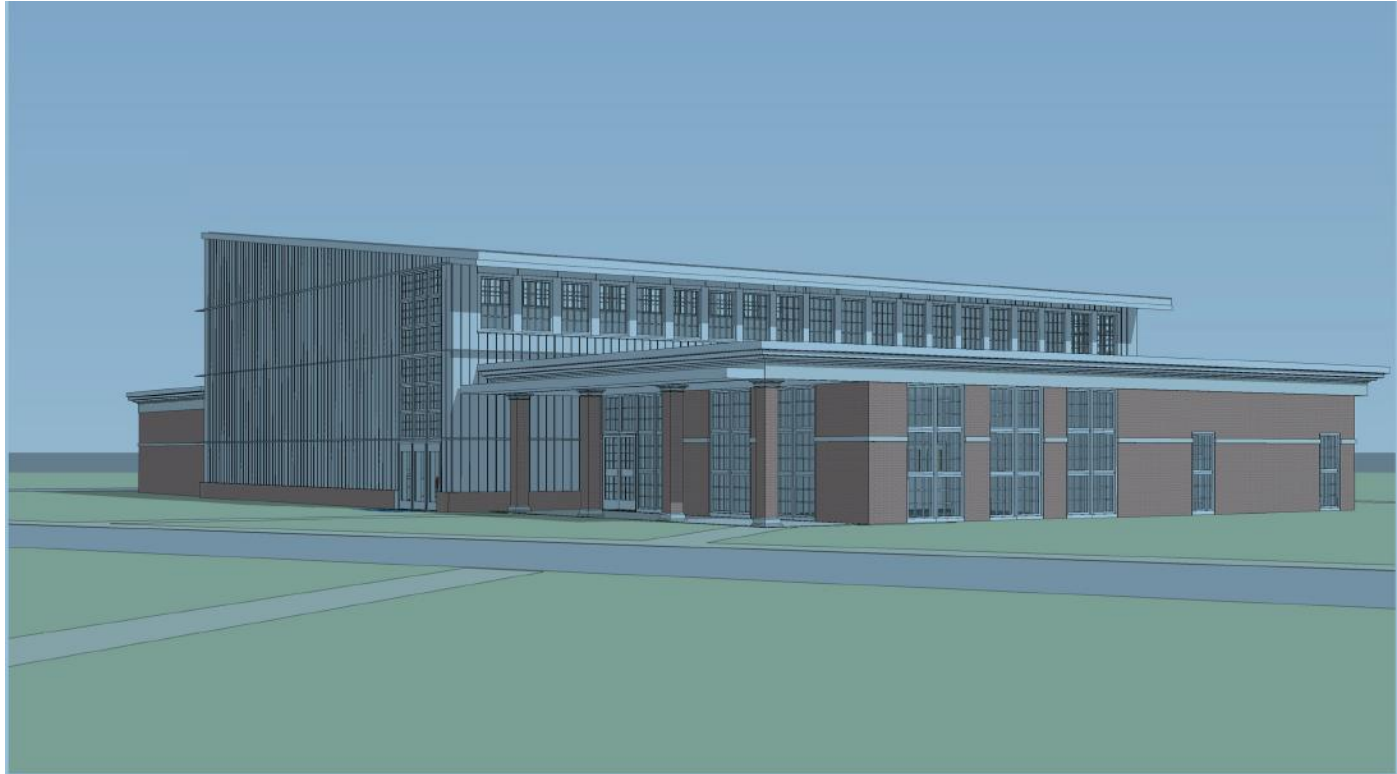
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**THIRD FLOOR BED COUNT - 3 STORY SCHEME**

	#UNITS	# BEDS
4 BED UNIT	26	104

THIRD FLOOR SQUARE FOOTAGE: 22,146 SF

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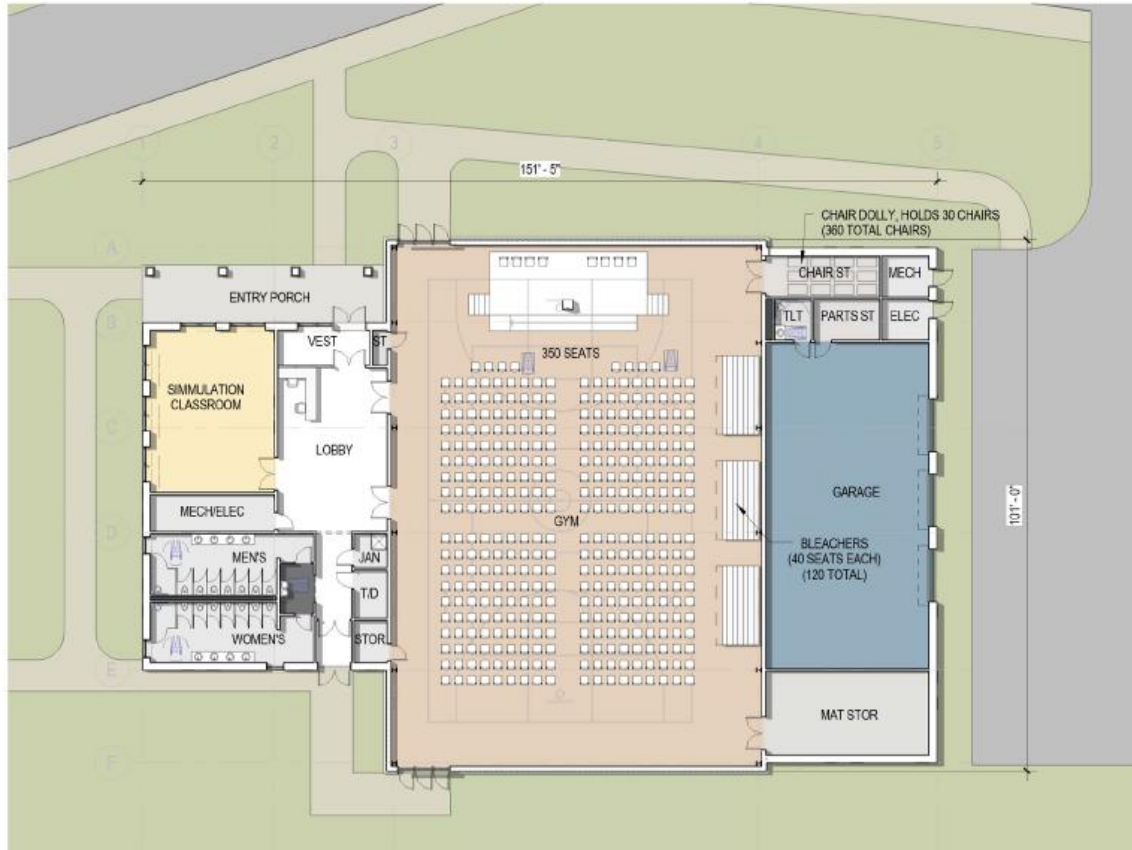
## GYMNASIUM PARTICULARS:

- The overall sf of the new gymnasium is approximately 13,570sf.
- The new gymnasium will allow for improved, more adequate space to provide curriculum required physical training, graduation ceremonies, large group assemblies and training sessions.
- The gymnasium will allow for placement of approximately (350) seats.
- Simulated training space will allow for the reduction of training costs associated with range use.
- A three bay vehicle storage garage will afford secure and appropriate storage facilities.

# GYMNASIUM PLAN:

**TOTAL BUILDING  
SQUARE FOOTAGE:**  
13,570 SF

- BUILDING SUPPORT
- CIRCULATION
- CLASSROOM
- GARAGE
- GYMNASIUM
- DEDICATED SUPPORT



## STORAGE ADDITION:



## COMPLETED SITE:



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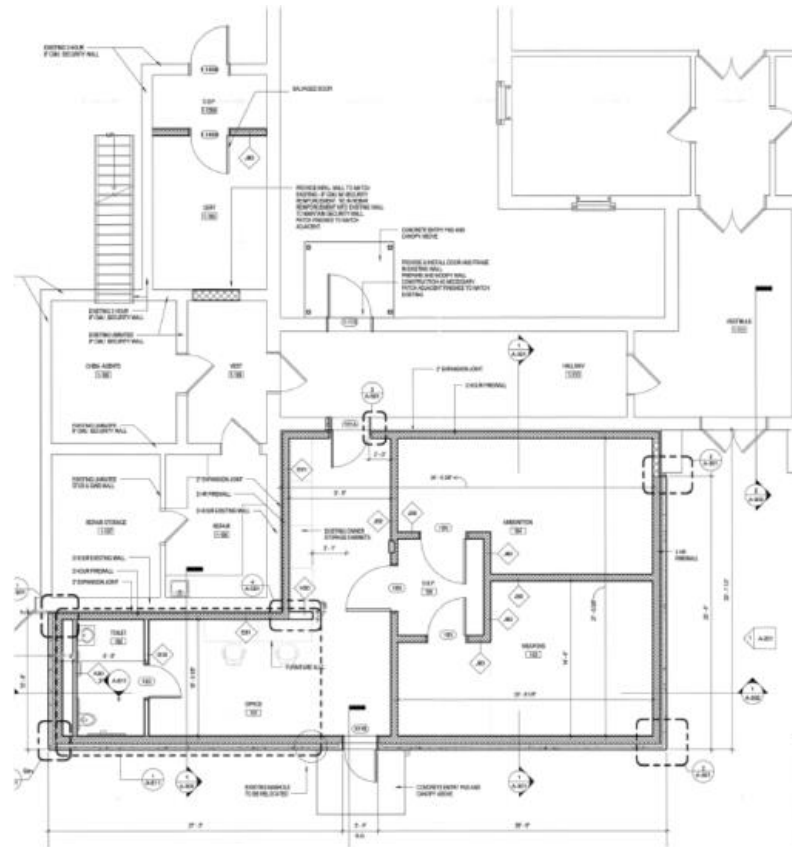
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## STORAGE PARTICULARS:

- The overall sf of the storage addition is approximately 1,000sf.
- The expansion will allow for the safe storage and management of the necessary equipment required for on-going and planned recruit training sessions at the facility.
- The structure will include secure walls and doors and an office for the Officers to complete associated paperwork.
- The addition will allow for better organization of the existing cramped space.

## STORAGE – FLOOR PLAN:



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PROJECT  
BENEFITS

## PROJECT BENEFITS:

- With the new housing the recruits will reside on-site eliminating daily commuting and thereby reducing weekday traffic to and from the Academy.
- The reorganization of traffic patterns and additional parking will lead to less traffic in the community.
- The site improvements will result in an increase of (300) additional parking spaces eliminating cars entering existing parking lots and exiting back on to New Scotland Avenue to enter the site for a different parking lot where spaces may be available.
- Community use of a newly constructed softball field which is purpose built incorporating clay playing surfaces.



## **PROJECT BENEFITS:**

- The new structures utilize appealing aesthetics which compliment the historic look of the existing structures as well as energy efficient designs.
- Improved classroom spaces with up to date technology components for enhanced training.
- The construction of a new gymnasium will provide adequate space for curriculum required physical training, graduation ceremonies, large group assemblies and training sessions. Additional storage space for related equipment.
- The storage expansion will allow for the safe storage and management of necessary equipment required for on-going and planned recruit training sessions at the Facility.

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## COMMUNITY/RECREATION CONCERNS

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- Access to the existing pool, playground and tennis court will be minimally impacted by revised traffic/parking patterns due to progression of work in varied areas on the front grounds.
- The progression of construction on the site will entail noise inherent with the work for the prescribed construction duration.
- The construction may include increased truck traffic necessary for the work for the prescribed construction duration.
- The existing softball field will be unavailable for the 2019 summer season with the ball field complete by fall of 2019 – efforts are underway to expedite completion.



## **COMMUNITY/RECREATION CONCERNS:**

Although the work comes with some temporary conditions which may cause concern to the community such as construction related noise and truck traffic, NYS DOCCS management, NYS OGS and their construction managers are committed to keeping any negative effects on the community to an absolute minimum.

- The project will maintain a regular Monday through Friday work schedule.
- Work hours are set from 7:00am until 3:30pm.
  - An additional 30 minutes is planned at the start and end of each day for startup, coordination, planning and daily cleanup.
- Overtime, after hours, or weekend work is not planned and not anticipated.

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## CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE MILESTONES:

- NYS OGS Project Number – 44868
- The project was bid July of 2018.
- Contracts were awarded December of 2018.
- Job office trailers mobilized February 2019.
- A staggered construction start is planned;
  - Start site work in spring of 2019.
  - April 2019 start Housing structure.
  - May 2019 start Gymnasium structure.
  - June 2019 start storage addition.
- Two year construction duration.
- Project Completion : December of 2020.



## Comments or Questions:

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